Telegrams in Hindi

3123. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to implement the national policy regarding maximum use of Hindi in his Ministry;

(b) if not, the reasons for not making arrangement for sending telegrams in Hindi through the Hindi teleprinters installed in most of the telegraph offices of the country; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to ensure sending the telegram in Hindi Similar to that of English?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Arrangements already exist for sending Hindi Telegrams through Hindi Teleprinters and Bilingual (Roman & Hindi) Teleprinters installed in Telegraph Offices.

(c) The modernisation programme envisages a time frame of end of Eighth Five Year Plan period.

Privatisation of Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi

3124. SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to exempt Hotel Ashoka, New Delhi from privatisation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of such other ITDC, Hotels and restaurants which have been exempted from privatisation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with leading foreign hotels chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels each are proposed to be developed in this manner. These two groups of hotels do not include Ashoka Hotel at New Delhi.

Bio-Gas Plants in Haryana

3125. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bio-gas plants in Haryana at present;

(b) the number of the bio-gas plants proposed to be set up in Haryana during 1992-93;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to provide financial assistance to Haryana for the development and research work of bio-gas plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A total of about 21,290 family type biogas plants have been set up in the State of Haryana during the period 1981-82 to 1991-92 (April, 1991 to January, 1992) under the National Project on Biogas Development. Besides, eleven community and institutional biogas plants have also been set up in the State under a separate programme.